

Space Acquisition and Disposition

of; Leases, etc.

Briefs

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Memo For The Record - [redacted]  
 subject Approval by Attorney General of the  
 validity of title to property  
 purchased by CIA.

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[redacted]  
 conferred with the Chief of the Lands  
 Division, Department of Justice (Mr.  
 A. Devitt Vanech) and Mr.  
 Tuttle who is in charge of condemnation  
 matters.

Representatives of CIA and the  
 Department of Justice conferred  
 with respect to the requirement  
 in 40 USC § 225 for the approval  
 of the validity of title by the  
 Attorney General prior to any  
 purchase of realty by the United  
 States.

1. All present agreed that  
 where CIA acquires title in the

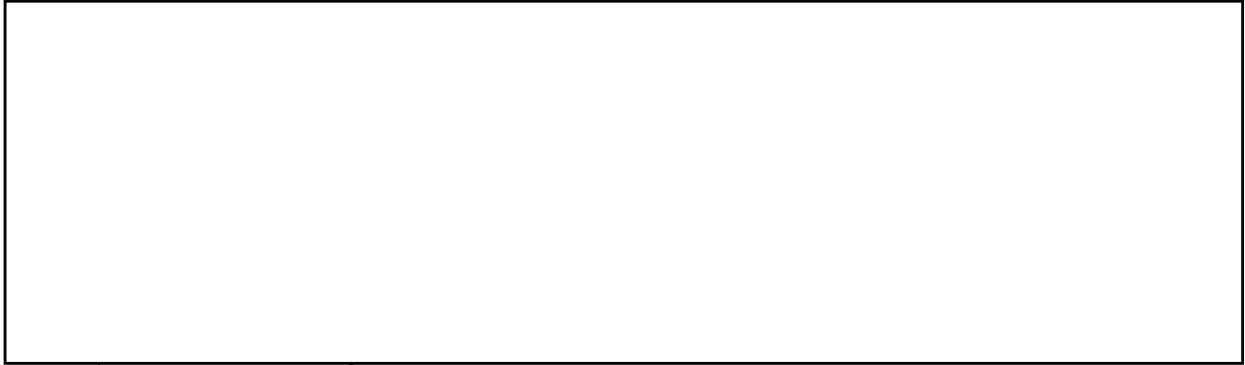
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[redacted] or  
 [redacted] it is not desirable  
 or necessary to obtain Attorney  
 General approval of the title. Title

insurance should be obtained  
from a reputable title company.

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Memo on OSS Experience With Leases  
For Covert Purposes -

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Recommendations based on OSS  
experience:

1. In any case where there is a lease there should be a complete and detailed inventory, together with a report of the condition of the property, signed by the Government and the lessees. This precaution ~~makes~~ simplifies negotiation upon termination with regard to claims for missing items ~~and~~ or damaged property.

2. Negotiations with the lessees to determine what items, if any, are missing and what damage, if any, has been done by the Government should be done prior to termination. It is often possible to offset certain claims by improvements which the Government might place on the property.

3. At all times, the commanding officer of an installation should be aware of and fully briefed concerning his responsibility to maintain the property.

4. It is highly desirable to establish an adequate cover story in advance which could be circulated in the event of inquiry.

5. There should be a central point for the coordination and control of property requirements and planning.

6. To ensure compliance with minimum procedures to protect the interests of the Government and to avoid security risks, the administration and supervision of leases from beginning to end should be located at a central point.